

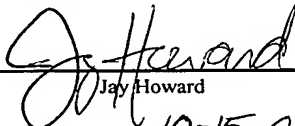


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jeffrey S. Schepp et al.  
Serial No.: 10/657,648  
Filed: September 8, 2003  
Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Title: **NETWORK-BASED PHOTOMASK DATA  
ENTRY INTERFACE AND INSTRUCTION  
GENERATOR FOR MANUFACTURING  
PHOTOMASKS**

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of the application referenced above by Jeffrey S. Schepp et al. entitled "*Network-Based Photomask Data Entry Interface and Instruction Generator for Manufacturing Photomasks*", filed September 8, 2003, please amend the application as follows: